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'Something for everyone' at RightsFest

Christopher De Guzman and Joanna Hawkins of deaf mime troupe 100 Decibels perform during the Canadian Museum for Human Rights' unveiling Thursday of their full RightsFest lineup. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

'The Forks will be alive.'

Event lineup includes art, music, dance and more to celebrate opening of human-rights museum

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RightsFest will provide Winnipeggers with activities from skateboarding to the symphony, from opera to indie-rock, said Stuart Murray of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights.

Murray, the museum's CEO, joined representatives of local arts and culture groups on Thursday to officially unveil the schedule of events for RightsFest, which takes place over the museum's opening weekend on Sept. 20 and 21.

"The Forks will be alive with music, dance, with art, with children's activities and more," said Murray, adding that museum staff is busy installing the exhibits.

"Everyone is invited to take part in this celebration ... Much like the museum itself, RightsFest will offer something for everyone."

Among the highlights are performances by the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Manitoba Opera and a special collaboration between the Sarah Sommer Chai Folk and Rusalka Ukrainian dance ensembles.

"On Sept. 21, we will be presenting a joint effort in honour of this new landmark, which aims to unify people from all backgrounds," said David Vamos, Chai's assistant artistic director. "Rusalka and Chai, we come from very different cultures, but are coming together for one celebration."

Murray said there will be six stages with a myriad of performances, including local talent such as deaf mime troupe 100 Decibels, the Bros. Landreth, Shannon Bear and professional skateboarders.

Want a tour?

Those wishing to be among the first to check out the Canadian Museum for Human Rights can go online on Wednesday at 10 a.m. to reserve tickets for a free, hour-long tour through four galleries during opening weekend.

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Havixbeck pledges to bring innovation back to city hall

'Can't afford to lose.' Mayoral candidate wants city to review other Canadian cities' best practices

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The city is sorely lacking innovative ideas, said mayoral candidate Paula Havixbeck, who pledged to push the reset button and find ways to "do things better."

Coun. Havixbeck took media on Thursday to a Whyte Ridge residential area in her Charleswood-Tuxedo ward that surrounds a retention pond.

With that backdrop, she said the city continues to "do the same things over and over again" instead of finding innovative solutions to problems.

"I'm standing here today in front of a retention pond because this is an example of innovation in our city."

Havixbeck said Winnipeg was one of the first cities to use retention ponds as a way to create a drainage system that helps to reduce the amount of water that goes into storm drains. Another bonus of the retention ponds, she added, is the habitat it offers to wildlife.

"I have seen great, innovative ideas, new technologies literally walk out of our door and go to another municipality to be implemented," she said.

"We have to harness that, and we have to get clever about bringing that back to our city and having it here."

If elected mayor, Havixbeck said she'll ask city officials to conduct an extensive review of best practices in other major Canadian cities, which is not done currently.

The municipal election is Oct. 22.

Quoted

"I'm standing here today in front of a retention pond because this is an example of innovation in our city."

Coun. Paula Havixbeck

Coun. Paula Havixbeck said Winnipeg needs more innovative ideas, like retention ponds were back in their day. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

Ross McGowan is retiring in December. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO FILE

CentreVenture CEO retiring

The man who's steered CentreVenture's course for the past eight years is stepping down.

The development corporation's president and CEO, Ross McGowan, announced his retirement by news release Thursday morning.

"I've been privileged to lead the City of Winnipeg's public agency," which, McGowan said, has entrusted CentreVenture to "deliver its mandate."

"After eight years, it's time to move on and transfer CentreVenture's helm to a new generation of leadership to continue our downtown's renaissance, and I look forward to working with the board and the management team during the transition period."

CentreVenture, the city's arm's-length downtown development agency, expects to have chosen a new president and CEO by Dec. 31.

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Charity

Winnipeggers a giving bunch

Winnipeggers are increasing their charitable donations at a faster rate than the rest of the country, according to stats released Thursday.

The numbers, complied from Stats Canada data by analysts at Peg, show the median amount Winnipeggers donated increased $130 from $240 in 2002 to $370 in 2012.

The rate of that increase is 54 per cent in Winnipeg — nearly double the national average of 29 per cent over the same time period.

The numbers also show the median amount Winnipeggers gave in 2012 was $100 more than the national average of $270.

An umbrella group of both the International Institute of Sustainable Development and United Way of Winnipeg, Peg tracks data specific to Winnipeg and makes the information publicly available through its website at mypeg.ca. METRO

Undecided voters

Mayoral race is anybody's to win at this point: Poll

A new poll released Thursday shows Judy Wasylycia-Leis is still in the lead for the upcoming civic election — but the biggest lead is undecided voters.

According to a poll conducted by Forum Poll on behalf of ChrisD.ca, Wasylycia-Leis has the support of 21 per cent of Winnipeggers, with Brian Bowman (13 per cent) and Gord Steeves (12 per cent) trailing behind.

Robert Falcon Ouellette has six per cent, while Paula Havixbeck stands at two per cent.

However, undecided voters stand at 39 per cent.

The poll sampled 606 random people on Wednesday, and has a margin of error of plus or minus four per cent, 19 out of 20 times. METRO

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Woman, 35, dies after being pushed from van, run over: Police

Moving vehicle.
Victim's common-law husband faces several charges

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Police spokesman Const. Eric Hofley speaks to reporters Thursday about the death of Jennie Lynda Lee Graves, 35, who police say was pushed out of a moving vehicle and run over early Wednesday. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Police say Winnipeg's latest homicide victim died after being pushed out of a moving vehicle and then run over early Wednesday.

Jennie Lynda Lee Graves, 35, of Winnipeg was the passenger in a moving van around 2:30 a.m. near St. Anne's Road and St. Mary's Road when police say she and the driver got into a fight.

Police say the driver then pushed her out of the van and ran her over before driving away.

Police spokesman Const. Eric Hofley said a witness followed the van and brought the driver back to the scene, where he was later arrested.

"For whatever reason, whether he was in shock at what he had done — we can speculate all we want as to why he continued to drive off and then agreed to go back — but at the end of the day, that's what happened," said Hofley.

"This witness observed it, followed the suspect vehicle, and then was able to bring that driver back to the scene."

Keith Ryan Thompson, 35, has been charged with criminal negligence causing death, impaired driving causing death, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing death, failing to remain at the scene of an accident and failing to provide a breath sample.

Hofley said Thompson and Graves were in a common-law relationship.

Graves' death is Winnipeg's 18th homicide of 2014, and the fourth in just 10 days.

Competition to decide city's best poutine — we all win

Some of the city's top chefs will battle it out next month to decide who makes Winnipeg's best poutine.

And with all-you-can-eat poutine on offer for those who come out to help judge, you may want to notch a couple new holes in your belt before heading to the first-ever Poutine Cup.

"We're encouraging people to put on their winter weight," laughed Daniel Gurevich, a co-founder of Charcoal Collaborative, the local blog site behind the competition. "We feel we're doing a service to the City of Winnipeg. We want to make sure everyone's well prepared for the cold months to come."

Do you poutine?

Tickets to the Poutine Cup are available at Normandy Shoppe at 791 Corydon Ave. or Gurevich Fine Art at 62 Albert St.

The Poutine Cup will pit 10 local restaurants against each other to see which can prepare the best poutine, and Gurevich said other than including the "holy trinity" of ingredients—potatoes, gravy and cheese curds — competitors have been given free rein to decide what else goes in their dishes.

"There's absolutely no rules," said Gurevich. "Creativity is encouraged."

The competition will award two trophies, one for the people's choice decided by those who attend, and another decided by judges including Mike Green of Masterchef Canada fame, Robin Summerfield of PegCity Grub and Deer & Almond chef Mandel Hitzer.

Poutine Cup goes Sept. 18 at Fort Gilbraltar, and, along with as much poutine as you can eat, the $35 tickets also include a free sampling of Half Pints beer. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Groove Restaurant and Bar chef Kristel Pastorin shows off a poutine similar to one the restaurant will enter in the city's first Poutine Cup competition Sept. 18. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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Shy sheep on the lam finally gets a haircut

Not the woolliest. Australia's Shaun yields 23.5 kg of wool but fails to beat New Zealand record

Shaun the shaggy Australian sheep has at last been shorn smooth. But the woolly wanderer wasn't the woolliest of them all.

The sheep apparently had been hiding for years on a farm on the island state of Tasmania and had never been shorn. The Australian Broadcasting Corp. reported Thursday that Shaun lost 23.5 kilograms (52 pounds) of wool at his first haircut.

Owners Peter and Netty Hazel had hoped Shaun would beat a record held by a now-deceased New Zealand sheep named Shrek.

Shrek rose to fame in 2004 after he was found hiding in caves on his farm, having evaded the annual shearing roundups for seven years. He had 27 kilograms (60 pounds) of wool shorn off his body.

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ABOVE: Shaun the shaggy Australian sheep, shown with farmers before being shorn in Midlands, Australia, Thursday. BELOW: Shaun is seen after receiving a haircut for the first time ever, losing 23.5 kilograms of wool.

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South Korea

Restaurant serving traditional delicacy going to the dogs

For more than 30 years, chef and restaurant owner Oh Keum-il built her expertise in cooking one traditional South Korean delicacy: dog meat.

Daegyo, the famous dog meat restaurant she opened in a Seoul alley in 1981, will serve its last bowl of boshintang, or dog stew, on Friday, a reflection of the challenges facing a trade that is neither legal nor explicitly banned under South Korean laws governing livestock and food processing.

Opposite views on dogs as either for eating or petting have co-existed in the country's recent history, feeding a controversy that becomes most bitter in the summer.

On three "dog days," which are among the hottest times of the year, many South Koreans queue for the dish of shredded dog meat and vegetables in hot red soup, believing it gives strength to bear the heat.

The closure of Oh's restaurant shows young South Koreans are moving away from the tradition.

"There are no young customers," said Oh.

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Daegyo restaurant chef-owner Oh Keum-il shows how to cook dog meat. LEE JIN-MAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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British Columbia

Dozens injured after tour bus rolls on highway

Dozens of people were injured, six of them critically, after a tour bus rolled over on a mountain highway in British Columbia, police said Thursday afternoon.

RCMP Sgt. Norm Flemming said 15 of the 56 passengers were seriously injured when the southbound bus crashed at about 3 p.m. Thursday on the Coquihalla Highway, about 30 kilometres south of Merritt.

Flemming said everyone aboard the bus was injured to some degree, suffering from bumps, bruises and cuts requiring stitches. He said there were no known fatalities.

"The cause of the accident is right now under investigation," Flemming said. "I just don't have enough information to hazard a guess."

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Charlottetown. 100 young Canadians meet to shape vision for nation's future

In 1864, three years before Confederation, Canada's soon-to-be founding fathers gathered at the Charlottetown Conference on Prince Edward Island. The ideas they discussed there laid the groundwork for what Canada is now.

This Sunday, 150 years later, the New Canada Conference will ask, "What's next?"

Created by PEI 2014 and based in Charlottetown, the four-day event brings together delegates aged 19 to 24 from across Canada to create a vision of what Canada could become.

"We wanted to host an event that would really create dialogue and offer an opportunity to examine Canada's future, and really also define the public agenda for the next 50 years," said Penny Walsh McGuire, executive director with PEI 2014.

"When we reflected on the 1864 Charlottetown Conference, there were a lot of voices not represented at the table among the 23 leaders," she said. Those missing voices included First Nations, women, the Acadian community and youth.

More than 800 potential delegates from every province and territory applied to attend the conference. One hundred were chosen. "We know we have an amazing delegation coming here," said Walsh McGuire. "When we look at Canada's future … among these delegates will be the leaders."

Each delegate will specialize in one of eight concentrations, including learning and social development; justice and equity; and environment and economy. An expert facilitator will lead discussions and brainstorming around each topic.

On Day 3, delegates will present their ideas and add them to the conference Ideabook, a document that will summarize the key findings and recommendations. Walsh McGuire called the Ideabook "a gift for Canada's future."

"It's not a conclusion, but a start to something important," she said.

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'Unruly' women force flight back to Toronto with fighter jet escort

Mistakes on a plane. Passengers cheer as women removed from Cuba-bound aircraft after allegedy smoking and making threats

Lilia Ratmanski, 25, is released on bail at the Brampton, Ont., courthouse on Thursday. A booze-fuelled fight between two women who were allegedly drinking and smoking in an airplane bathroom prompted Sunwing to turn a Cuba-bound flight back to Toronto, the airline said. Inset: Milana Muzikante. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS; INSET: FACEBOOK

A booze-fuelled fight between two women who were allegedly drinking and smoking in an airplane bathroom prompted Sunwing to turn a Cuba-bound flight back to Toronto, the airline said — along with a brief military jet escort.

The women also made a threat against the aircraft, but "it was considered non-credible given their condition," Sunwing's Janine Chapman said in a statement.

Nonetheless, two Toronto-area women are now facing charges of smoking on board an aircraft, endangering the safety of an aircraft, mischief endangering life, mischief over $5,000 and uttering threats.

Lilia Ratmanski, 25, of Whitby and Milana Muzikante, 26, of Vaughan were granted bail Thursday.

The flight left Toronto at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday en route to Varadero via Manzanillo, but was disrupted by "two unruly female passengers," Sunwing said. The women consumed a "significant quantity of their duty-free alcohol purchase in the lavatory and lit a cigarette, triggering the smoke detector alarm," Chapman said. "The passengers proceeded to get into a physical altercation with each other and made a threat against the aircraft."

The pilot decided to turn the plane around over South Carolina and "that's when NORAD got involved," said Major Julie Roberge, a spokeswoman for NORAD based in Colorado Springs, Colo.

NORAD scrambled two CF-18 fighter jets based out of Bagotville, Que., to escort Flight 656 back to Toronto. The jets met the aircraft at the Canadian border and did not venture into American airspace, Roberge said. The CF-18 escort lasted just four minutes, she said.

The aircraft landed at Pearson International Airport at about 8:30 p.m. and Peel Regional Police Const. Thomas Ruttan said the entire plane "erupted in cheers" when the two women were removed from the aircraft.

The flight took off for a second time from Toronto around 11 p.m. Wednesday with a new flight crew, Chapman said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Armed group detains UN peacekeepers

United Nations. 43 peacekeepers are detained on the Syrian side of Golan Heights during period of 'increased fighting'

An armed group detained 43 UN peacekeepers during fighting in Syria early Thursday and another 81 peacekeepers are trapped, the United Nations said.

Peacekeepers were detained on the Syrian side of the Golan Heights during a "period of increased fighting between armed elements and the Syrian Arab Armed Forces," the office of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in a statement.

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"The command and control of these groups is unclear. We're not in a position to confirm who is holding whom." UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric.

The statement did not specify which armed group is holding the peacekeepers, although UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said the 43 detained peacekeepers are from Fiji and the 81 isolated troops are from the Philippines.

"The command and control of these groups is unclear," he said. "We're not in a position to confirm who is holding whom."

The statement said the United Nations "is making every effort to secure the release of the detained peacekeepers," who are part of UNDOF, the mission that has been monitoring a 1974 disengagement accord between Syria and Israel after their 1973 war.

The Security Council condemned the detention of the 43 peacekeepers and the restriction of movement of the other 81 and called for their immediate release. A rapidly drafted press statement blamed "Security Council-designated terrorist groups" and "members of non-state armed groups."

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'Revolution or martydom'

A volunteer of Pakistani Muslim cleric Tahir-ul-Qadri listens to his leader, holding his baby with a headband that reads "revolution or martyrdom," during a sit-in protest near the parliament building in Islamabad, Pakistan on Thursday. B.K. BANGASH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Flight 370. Satellite calls may uncover flight path of Malaysian airliner

Shortly after the missing Malaysian airliner disappeared from radar near the Indian Ocean, airline officials on the ground tried repeatedly to call the crew of the Boeing 777 using a satellite phone that might have left clues to the jet's flight path.

Now an analysis of those failed attempts to reach Flight 370 could alter the search for the plane.

Australian Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss said Thursday that the sprawling search area in the southern Indian Ocean may be extended farther south based on the new analysis, which suggests that the aircraft turned that direction earlier than previously believed.

Investigators have long been aware of the calls but only recently developed methods to analyze the phone data for hints about the plane's final hours.

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Ukraine claims Russia sending tanks and troops

Satellite photos. NATO says at least 1,000 Russian troops are inside the country

Ukraine accused Russia on Thursday of entering its territory with tanks, artillery and troops, and Western powers said Moscow had "outright lied" about its role and dangerously escalated the conflict.

Russia dismissed the allegations, describing the fighters there as "Russian volunteers." The Kremlin has repeatedly denied arming and supporting the separatists who have been fighting Ukrainian troops for four months in the gravest crisis between Russia and the West since the end of the Cold War.

NATO said at least 1,000 Russian troops are in Ukraine and later released what it said were satellite photos of Russian self-propelled artillery units moving last week.

Two columns of tanks and other equipment entered southeastern Ukraine at midday, following heavy shelling of the area from Russia that forced overmatched Ukrainian border guards to flee, said Col. Andriy Lysenko, a spokesman for Ukraine's national security council.

"Russian forces have entered Ukraine," President Petro Poroshenko said in Kyiv, cancelling a foreign trip and calling an emergency meeting of his security council.

He urged Ukrainians to remain calm.

"Destabilization of the situation and panic, this is as much of a weapon of the enemy as tanks," Poroshenko told the council.

U.S. President Barack Obama spoke with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, and both leaders agreed Russia must face consequences for its actions.

"We agree — if there was ever any doubt — that Russia is responsible for the violence in eastern Ukraine," Obama said.

Vitaly Churkin offered a spirited defence, saying Kyiv "is waging war against its own people."

He did not deny the Russian presence, saying "there are Russian volunteers in eastern parts of Ukraine. No one is hiding that."

But Power countered: "A Russian soldier who chooses to fight in Ukraine on summer break is still a Russian soldier."

Churkin questioned the presence of Western advisers and asked where Ukrainian troops were getting weapons.

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"Now we see irrefutable evidence of regular Russian forces operating inside Ukraine."

British Ambassador Mark Lyall Grant

"The violence is encouraged by Russia. The separatists are trained by Russia, they are armed by Russia, they are funded by Russia."

At an emergency session of the U.N. Security Council, Western representatives expressed outrage.

"Now we see irrefutable evidence of regular Russian forces operating inside Ukraine," said British Ambassador Mark Lyall Grant.

U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power said Russia "has manipulated. It has obfuscated. It has outright lied."

Russian Ambassador

He said he wanted to "send a message to Washington: Stop interfering in the internal affairs of sovereign states."

Russian stock markets fell as Switzerland joined the European Union in imposing restrictions on Russian state banks and fears grew that the U.S. and EU could impose more sanctions on Russian businesses and individuals in response to the military escalation.

Russia's MICEX index dropped nearly four per cent on Thursday, and major Russian state banks VTB and Sberbank dropped more than four per cent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pro-Russian rebel supporters stand together

French volunteers, supporters of Pro-Russian rebels, stand near destroyed Ukrainian military machines at the Lenin square in the town of Donetsk, eastern Ukraine, Thursday. Ukraine's president Petro Poroshenko called an emergency meeting of the nation's security council and canceled a foreign trip Thursday, declaring that "Russian forces have entered Ukraine," as concerns grew about the opening of a new front in the conflict.

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Russia in Ukraine

Obama says U.S. will not take military action

President Barack Obama is ruling out the possibility that the U.S. will take military action to address growing violence in Ukraine.

Obama says the U.S. will stand firm with its allies to address the conflict in Ukraine, where the U.S. says Russia is backing pro-Russian separatists. But Obama says a military confrontation between the U.S. and Russia in the region "is not in the cards."

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NATO mission. Canada's fighter jets edging closer to Russian airspace

Canadian fighter jets will be patrolling the edge of Russian airspace next week as part of NATO's response to the unravelling situation in Ukraine.

Four of the six CF-18s sent overseas by the Harper government earlier this year have arrived at Siauliai Air Base in Lithuania, where they will fly armed air policing missions over the Baltic states.

The formal handover of responsibility is expected to take place early next week and the mission is expected to last until the end of the year.

While in Lithuania, the Canadian jets will be working alongside fighter jets from Portugal. Germany and Belgium also have fighters in the region, but they will be carrying out flights from bases in another Baltic state.

The jets, which had been based in Romania on a training exercise, are tasked with defending Estonian, Latvian and Lithuanian airspace because those countries are unable to do so on their own.

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Seal 'obscene' evidence in body-parts case forever, asks family

Trial of Luka Rocco Magnotta. Media lawyer disagrees with victim's family over the nature of some exhibits

Luka Magnotta in an artist's sketch in a Montreal court in March 2013.
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The family of the man allegedly murdered by Luka Rocco Magnotta wants certain exhibits, entered as evidence in their son's death, to remain under wraps permanently.

Lawyers and the judge who will oversee Magnotta's first-degree murder trial sifted through various legal motions on Thursday.

Magnotta is accused of killing university student Jun Lin, 33, in May 2012.

Diran Lin, the victim's father, wants the court to ensure some exhibits are not made public in any way.

"Those exhibits should not be distributed or published or reproduced because they, in our view, represent obscene materials," said Benoit Lapointe, Diran Lin's lawyer.

"We don't want this material to ever be made available to the public or ever be made accessible."

Those exhibits were presented under a publication ban at a lower-court hearing to determine whether Magnotta, 32, would stand trial.

Mark Bantey, a lawyer representing several media organizations, said outside the courtroom that his clients are in agreement with the family on some exhibits.

But they are disputing that all of the ones presented by Lin's family qualify as obscene.

"Other exhibits are not obscene," Bantey said. "They may be shocking but they are not obscene and they should be made public."

Quebec Superior Court Justice Guy Cournoyer, who will oversee the trial, deferred his ruling to a later date.

The court has been hearing a number of pre-trial motions in advance of the highly anticipated trial. Jury selection is slated to begin Sept. 8.

Cournoyer told lawyers Thursday he expects the process of finding a bilingual jury will take some time. As a result, evidence is now expected to be heard beginning Sept. 22, a week later than planned.

The trial is expected to last between six and eight weeks.

In July, Cournoyer rejected a motion by defence lawyer Luc Leclair to have all evidence at the trial fall under a publication ban.

Cournoyer did maintain a publication ban on the reporting of any evidence that is currently being heard during the various motions or has already been heard and could be presented before the jury.

Magnotta was in court on Thursday, sporting short cropped hair and a moustache and dressed in a neon pink T-shirt. He also appeared much heavier than when he was arrested in Berlin in 2012.

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Charges

In addition to the charge of killing Lin, Magnotta is accused of committing an indignity to a body; publishing obscene material; criminally harassing Prime Minister Stephen Harper and other members of Parliament; and mailing obscene and indecent material.

- He has pleaded not guilty to all of the charges.

Lac-Mégantic

Two workers not at fault, argue representatives

Criminal charges against two men accused in the Lac-Mégantic tragedy should be dropped, their union and lawyers argued Thursday.

Train engineer Tom Harding, railway traffic controller Richard Labrie and Jean Demaitre, the manager of train operations, are each charged with 47 counts of criminal negligence causing death.

Union spokesman Daniel Roy and lawyers for Harding and Labrie say the charges should be dropped over the Transportation Safety Board of Canada's final report.

The TSB criticized the Montreal, Maine and Atlantic railway for its "weak safety culture" and Transport Canada for its poor oversight. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Labour force survey

Recommendations released in wake of StatsCan error

A report into an error in the July jobs release by Statistics Canada has made five recommendations, including improved governance, testing protocols and diagnostics.

The report released Thursday also called for improved documentation that can be reviewed when system changes are made and better communication between staff.

Statistics Canada was forced to correct its employment report after a mistake the agency chalked up to human error resulted in the number of full-time job losses being overstated.

The agency revised the results to show 42,000 jobs were added, compared to its initial report suggesting just 200 were gained in July.

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Jail sex. Judge to decide if B.C. Mounties watching 2010 incident is a crime

A judge wants to hear arguments from lawyers about the legality of the charge against an RCMP corporal accused of breach of trust in connection with a jail-sex incident in Kamloops, B.C.

Cpl. Ken Brown, two other Mounties and at least one guard were accused of failing to intervene when they watched a video monitor that showed two drunken female inmates having sex in a cell.

Brown's trial related to the incident on Aug. 18, 2010 is slated to start on Sept. 9.

However, next Thursday, lawyers will meet for a special hearing before B.C. Supreme Court Justice Selwyn Romilly to discuss the charge.

Brown was watch commander on the night the inmates were allegedly seen engaging in a sex act.

In a pre-trial conference on Tuesday, Romilly said he wasn't convinced the matter should go to trial. "I want to know if this is a criminal matter," he told Crown lawyer Winston Sayson. "Let's assume that all the things that you say on your summary (of Crown evidence) are proved. Is this a criminal matter?"

Brown's defence lawyer, Glen Orris, argued the allegations against his client wouldn't stand up to scrutiny.

"This may be an internal RCMP matter, but it doesn't rise to a criminal offence," he said.

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"I'm not sure this is a criminal matter as opposed to a civil matter."

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Selwyn Romilly to Crown lawyer Winston Sayson.

Where are they now?

- Cpl. Ken Brown was suspended with pay after the incident and then placed on paid administrative leave, where he remains. He has not worked since the incident more than four years ago but has been paid the entire time.
- Jail guard David Tompkins was placed on a year of probation last year after pleading guilty to breach of trust. Tompkins remained employed by the city after his conviction.
- RCMP constables Evan Elgee and Stephen Zaharia were charged alongside Brown and Tompkins, but charges against them were later dropped. Elgee has since been transferred to a detachment outside B.C., and Zaharia is working out of the RCMP's rural office in Kamloops.

Blocked in South Korea, marital cheat site sues

Shut down. Canada's Ashley Madison denies illegal activity, says Korean website is for 'communication purposes only'

Ashley Madison, the online site that helps married people have affairs, is suing the government of South Korea after being blocked in that country. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A dating website for married people seeking affairs is suing the government of South Korea, after being blocked in that country for what it says are false allegations of illegal activity.

Ashley Madison's Korean site was shut down in spring shortly after its launch, with authorities there alleging it incited immorality, according to media reports. Adultery is illegal in South Korea.

In a statement of claim filed in federal court Wednesday, Ashley Madison denies the accusations, describing itself as "a social networking website facilitating communication between like-minded adults."

The company accuses the South Korean government of engaging in "uncompetitive acts" by unfairly banning the website while allowing local businesses to operate similar ones.

It alleges the effects of that decision trickle down to Canada, limiting Ashley Madison's success among Korean-Canadians and other Asian-Canadians, and reducing overall competition in the social media market.

The Toronto-based company is seeking an unspecified amount for loss of revenue and lost profits, as well as general damages for uncompetitive conduct. It also wants the court to order South Korea to stop blocking the website.

Ashley Madison, which uses the slogan "Life is short. Have an affair," launched its website in South Korea on April 1, the claim says. In just over two weeks, it drew nearly 50,500 members, the document says.

Ashley Madison says the website "neither contains illegal information, nor does it aid or abet any illegal activity."

"The website is for communication purposes only, and such communication is neither illegal in South Korea nor Canada," the company argues in the document.

"No sexual interaction can take place on the plaintiff's website any more than it can by individuals using other websites that the defendants permit to operate freely in the Republic of Korea."

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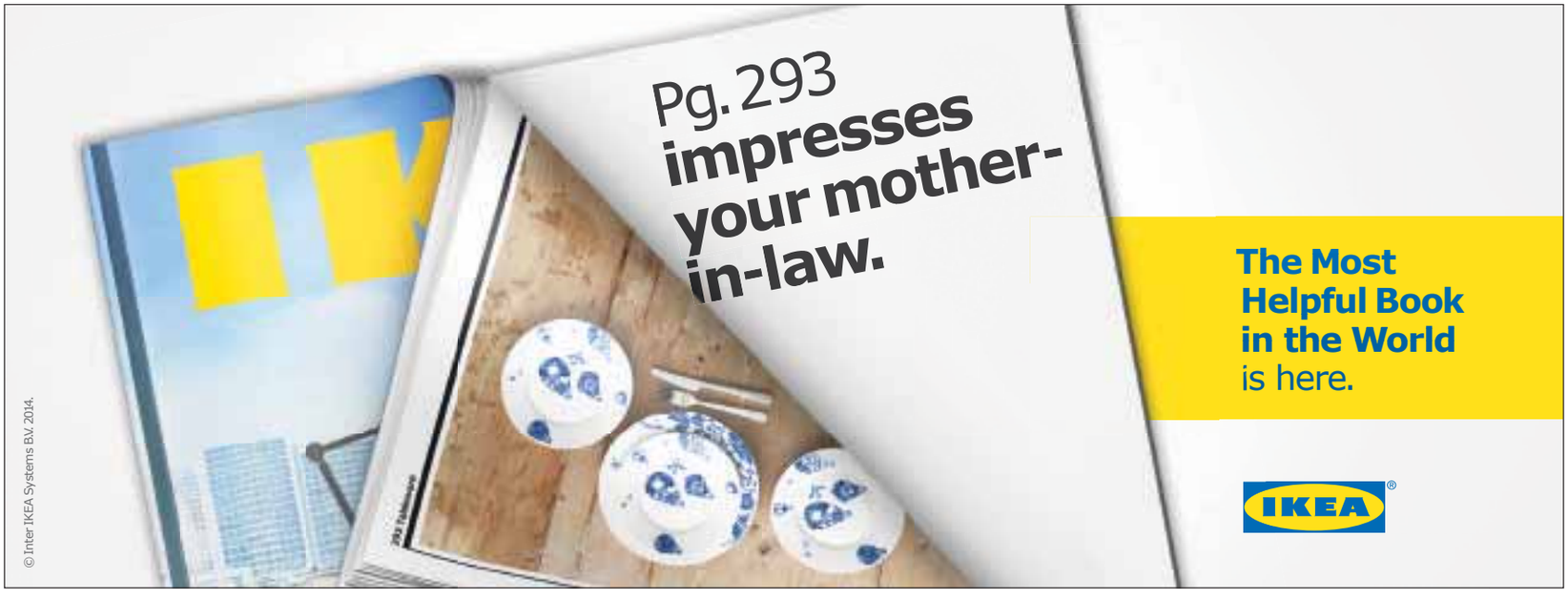

Ebola virus could sicken 20,000 people, WHO says

More than 1,500 dead. Scientists also say they have mapped the genetic code of this strain of Ebola to better understand how it kills

The Ebola outbreak in West Africa is accelerating and could grow six times larger to infect as many as 20,000 people, the World Health Organization said Thursday. The UN health agency unveiled a new road map for containing the virus, and scientists are fast-tracking efforts to find a treatment or vaccine.

Ebola has menaced Africa for 40 years, but it has previously struck in remote villages and was contained fairly quickly. This time, it has spread to major cities in four countries, provoking unrest as whole neighbourhoods and towns have been sealed to the outside.

An experimental vaccine, developed by the U.S. government and GlaxoSmithKline, will be tested on humans starting next week, the U.S. National Institutes of Health announced Thursday. The NIH trial will use healthy adult volunteers in Maryland, and British experts will simultaneously test the same vaccine in healthy people in the U.K., Gambia and Mali.

Preliminary results on the vaccine's safety — not its effectiveness — could be available in months.

Scientists also announced they have mapped the genetic code of this strain of Ebola to better understand how it kills. In a study published Thursday in the journal Science, researchers traced an explosion of cases in this outbreak to a single funeral in Guinea in May.

They hope to use DNA mapping to track mutations that could become more worrisome the longer the outbreak lasts, and make a difference in the how doctors spot and fight the disease as vaccines are developed.

The outbreak has now killed at least 1,552 people among 3,069 reported cases in Liberia, Sierra Leone, Guinea and Nigeria, and the real caseload in urban areas could be two to four times higher.

Meanwhile, an entirely separate Ebola outbreak has killed 13 of 42 people sickened in a remote area of Congo, in Central Africa, the agency said.

Airlines

The WHO has called on airlines to resume flights to affected countries. Health checks at airports should be sufficient protection while enabling humanitarian workers to get in.

Bruce Aylward, Assistant Director-General of the World Health Organization, speaks at a media conference, outlining WHO's new $489-million plan to contain Ebola. MARTIAL TREZZINI/KEYSTONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With about a 50 per cent mortality rate among those known to be infected, the overall death toll could reach 10,000 in the worst-case scenario.

The WHO's new plan would cost $489 million to support 750 international health workers and 12,000 national ones. It aims to:

- stop Ebola transmission in affected countries within six to nine months
- prevent the spread of any new infections within eight weeks of a case being identified anywhere in the world
- improve the public health responses to Ebola in any nation with major transportation hubs or borders shared with affected countries.

Containment is key, but it has to be done carefully, in ways that don't cause panic or hamper the response, the agency said.

The WHO has supported the quarantine of sick people, and said cordoning off entire neighbourhoods can be useful, as long as civil rights are respected. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fighting Ebola virus

Vaccine tests to begin

U.S. federal researchers next week will start testing humans with an experimental vaccine to prevent the deadly Ebola virus.

A vaccine candidate that will be used in the upcoming trials. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The National Institutes of Health announced Thursday that it is launching the safety trial on a vaccine developed by the agency's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and GlaxoSmithKline.

Beginning Tuesday, it will test 20 healthy adult volunteers to see if the vaccine is safe and triggers an adequate response in their immune systems.

Even though NIH has been testing other Ebola vaccines in people since 2003, this is a first for this vaccine and its trial has been speeded up because the outbreak in West Africa "is a public health emergency that demands an all-hands-on-deck response," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the NIAID.

This isn't a treatment for the disease, but a hoped-for preventative measure.

He cautioned that there is no guarantee it will work: "I have been fooled enough in my many years of experience." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The man behind Tim Hortons

'Ghost in the corporate machine.' Metro looks at the relationship between the tragic Stanley Cup champion and Canada's iconic brand

JESSICA SMITH CROSS
Metro in Toronto

The hockey player's name is perhaps said more often than any other in Canada — no, it's not Wayne Gretzky.

In all of the talk of what Burger King Worldwide Inc.'s acquisition of Tim Hortons means for Canada's iconic brand, there's little mention of Tim Horton, the man — a Stanley Cup-winning defenceman for the 1950s and '60s Maple Leafs, who died driving drunk near St. Catharines, Ont., in 1974.

"Horton is a ghost in the corporate machine," said Douglas Hunter, author of a book on Miles Gilbert (Tim) Horton and one on Tim Hortons. "He has pretty much disappeared from the store that bears his name."

Fact or Farce?

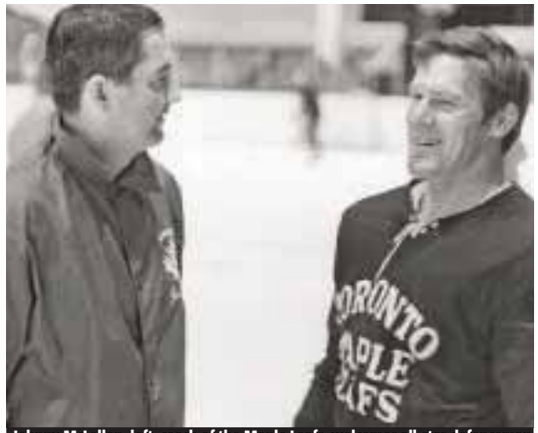
Tim Horton-less Tim Hortons became synonymous with Canadian identity in part of because of the CBC show Royal Canadian Air Farce, said author Douglas Hunter.

- **The bit.** "It was this group of idiot-savant Canadians who'd gather around the table and in their own kind of dopey way comment on the issues of the day, cementing this idea that doughnut shops are where Canadians gather together and thrash out what it means to be Canadian."
- **Sipping votes.** Politicians picked up on the association with regular Canadians, which has turned Tim Hortons into a favoured spot for photo ops.

Prior to his death, the coffee chain had begun to "disengage" Horton from the restaurant, said Hunter, as Horton wasn't comfortable as a "persona" and the company wanted to focus on its food. The phasing out of Horton continued after the circumstances surrounding Horton's death mired the chain's founder in controversy.

On Feb. 21, 1974, Horton, who then played for the Buffalo Sabres, was heading to Buffalo for treatment after taking a puck to the jaw and stopped to meet his partner, Ron Joyce, in the doughnut shop chain, said Hunter. At 4 a.m. Horton went off the road at high speed. Alcohol and pills were found at the scene, but at the time whether or not he was driving drunk was publicly disputed and unconfirmed. (In 2005, the Ottawa Citizen obtained a copy of Horton's autopsy confirming Horton's blood alcohol was twice the legal limit, and traces of Dexamyl, a prescription drug, had been found in his system.)

"At the time he died there were about 50 restaurants open or in development (in Ontario), and they had just signed the first deal in Atlantic Canada," said Hunter. Tim Hortons continued to grow without Horton.



Johnny McLellan, left, coach of the Maple Leafs, welcomes all-star defenceman Tim Horton to practice at Maple Leaf Gardens in 1969. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Then, in the late '80s, Lori Horton, Tim's widow, sued Joyce, seeking to reverse her decision to sell her inherited share of Tim Hortons to him for $1 million and a Cadillac Eldorado, saying she wasn't of sound mind due to substance use.

"As part of her arguments a lot of dirty laundry — as Tim's friends put it — came out. She said, 'I'm not that bad person in this relationship; he had a drinking problem, he was angry, he was violent and he threatened me,'" said Hunter. "There was a lot of airing of stuff that … was, on a very basic level for Tim Hortons the brand, a problem."

By the time Lori Horton lost her case in '93, there were about 700 restaurants.

According to Hunter, the reason Tim Hortons continues to expand, with little acknowledgement of its founder is, in part, because Horton became "toxic" to the brand.

But Horton wasn't entirely erased. In fact, when his portrait was used as part of a "Tim Horton the Legend" promotion for the Tim Hortons children's camps, Lori Horton sued the company, arguing she had copyright of the photo.

"It was a spiteful suit after she lost the initial suit over the sale," said Hunter. He said the company decided to take the posters down.

Although Horton is not often mentioned in Canada, Hunter said some of Tim Hortons' marketing in the U.S. has included Tim Horton as a hockey player on American teams — neglecting his nearly two decades and four Stanley Cup wins with the Maple Leafs — to emphasize the company's American connections.

A&F's teen store blues

The Abercrombie & Fitch logo has lost the power it once wielded.

Shares of Abercrombie & Fitch Co. fell Thursday after the retailer reported weak sales as more teens shop elsewhere.

The company is trying to stock trendier clothing — and it turns out that means stripping off the once-prized Abercrombie logo.

It is a major change for the retailer, whose sweatshirts and T-shirts emblazoned with its name long held major cachet with teenagers. Now, individuality is the name of the game.

A&F and other traditional teen stores have to adapt in an uphill battle to turn their businesses around as mall traffic drops and shoppers' tastes change.

A slowly recovering economy is making parents and teens think twice about splurging on clothes. Expensive standbys like Abercrombie also have lost business to "fast fashion" chains like H&M, known for quickly churning out trendy $9 tops.

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Male models at the Abercrombie & Fitch Shanghai flagship store opening on April 19 in Shanghai, China. KEVIN LEE/GETTY IMAGES

Tim Hortons

The doughnut that outduelled the rest

Jennifer Brown's crème brûlée-filled doughnut topped with peanut butter cups has taken home the $10,000 top prize in the Tim Hortons Duelling Doughnuts contest. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa and Quebec City

Holt Renfrew closing two stores

Retailer Holt Renfrew says it will close its stores in Ottawa and Quebec City at the end of January next year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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WHEN TOMATOES & TIMBITS WERE KING

THE METRO LIST

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Welcome to the final Metro List of the silly season (after Labour Day, everyone's back at work and the real news starts up again). In honour of its passing, we begin with:

1 **La Tomatina.** Every year since 1945, the good citizens of Buñol in Valencia, Spain have set aside the last Wednesday in August to throw tomatoes at each other. More than 150,000 tomatoes — approximately 40 tonnes — are sacrificed during the hour-long purée melée. Tomatoes are pre-crushed, so no one is actually hurt. And they grow tomatoes specifically for the event. Silly, yes. Sloppy, yes. Shoddy, no.

2 **Would You Like Fries with those Timbits?** Our Canadian identity was seriously shaken this week as Burger King, home of the Whopper, bought Tim Hortons, home of the double-double, for more than $12 billion. No one's quite sure what it means for our national café, but at least they'll never run out of ketchup as 3G, the company that owns Burger King, also recently partnered with Warren Buffett to purchase Heinz and all its 57 varieties.

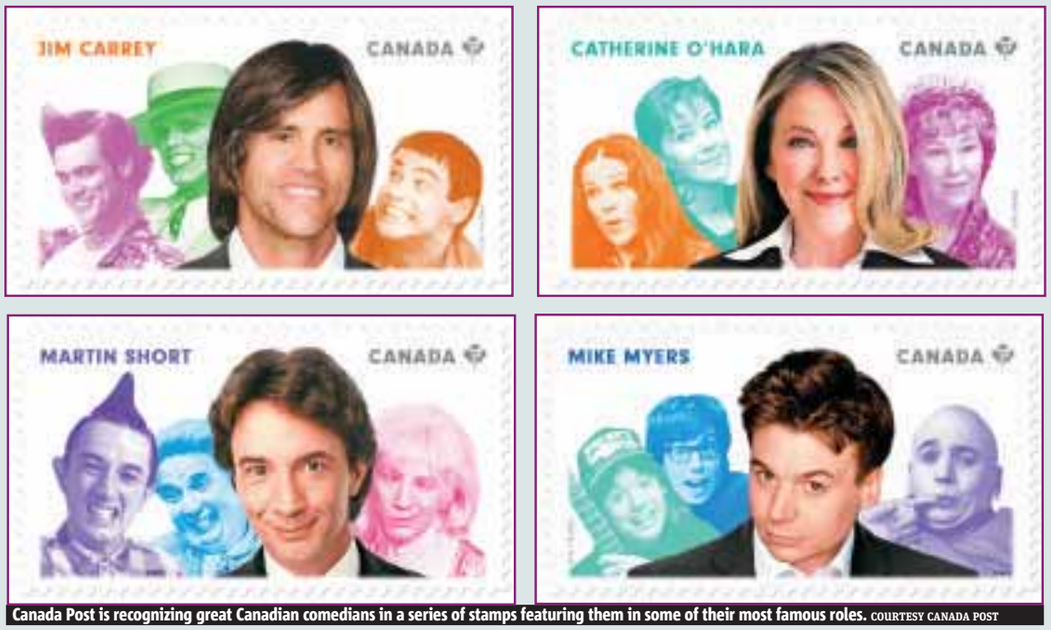
3 **Guess Who's Making a Profit?** Canada Post, that's who! In the most unlikely resurrection since Lazarus, Canada Post turned a second-quarter loss of $104 million in 2013 to a profit of $53 million in 2014. Of course, the 35 per cent increase in the price of a stamp, imposed on April Fool's Day, had something to do with it. And more than a million people are scheduled to lose home delivery over the next year. (Mail Nazi: No home delivery for you!) But the last time Canada Post made a profit was 2010, so our postal privations are paying off.

4 **Last Lesson in Arizona.** A shooting instructor in Dolan Springs, Arizona, gave an Uzi machine gun to a nine-year-old girl, told her to fire off a round, which she did, and then instructed her to go "full auto." What could possibly go wrong? Everything, it turned out. The little girl was unable to control the weapon's recoil and the instructor was cut down dead in a hail of bullets. Apart from trauma that will last a lifetime, the girl was unharmed. When will they ever learn?

5 **In This Guy's Case, Maybe Never.** Stop me if you've heard this before: Justin Bieber was driving his red Ferrari on the streets of Los Angeles.... This time, angered because he was being followed by the paparazzi, he slammed on his brakes and the hapless photographer smashed into him. Apparently suffering a soft tissue injury, Bieber tweeted: "We should have learned from the death of Princess Diana..." Well, Justin, you should learn something. Anything.

6 **And in Other News.** The United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change final draft report says global warming is here, it's already dangerous and it could be irreversible. Guess the silly season really is over.

Comedy: A part of our heritage



Canada Post is recognizing great Canadian comedians in a series of stamps featuring them in some of their most famous roles. COURTESY CANADA POST

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Five of our funniest have got the stamp of approval from Canada Post.

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Make it a time-lapse long weekend

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Pocket photographers are pretty pumped about Hyperlapse, a new standalone app released by Instagram this week that provides some serious smartphone stabilization for creating time-lapse videos. It's been in the wild for only a few days, but sharing networks are already crammed with some very cool work, such as this tour of Columbia University and its happy Ivy Leaguers. (Dan Burkhardt/Vimeo)

Twitter

@metropicks asked: A plane was escorted back to Pearson by military jets after alleged unruly behaviour on a flight. What's the worst you've seen while flying?

@skjcdn: young child excited to see Micky kicking back of my seat fr. Vancouver to Anaheim. Consider myself lucky, it's the worst.

@saracmd: I once took a flight where a woman sang nearly the whole way... even over the noise of the engine. She was TERRIBLE.

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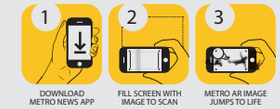

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Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Dawn of the Planet of the Apes is one of summer's top sci-fi flicks. CONTRIBUTED

Synopsis

If you're like the Reel Guys you don't see the long weekend as the last chance to head up to the cottage for a final blast of summer, but more of a three-day sprint to catch up on all the movies you missed over the past three months while you were busy jumping off docks, BBQing or basking in the wondrousness of warm weather. With this list the Reel Guys say sayonara to the silly season and serve up one last refreshing sip of the summer's best air-conditioner movies we took in while the rest of you were slathering on SPF 110.

Long weekend catch-up. The Reel Guys offer their suggestions for the flicks you probably missed when you were at the cottage

Richard: Mark, the summer's biggest hit, Guardians of the Galaxy, is a lot of fun and deserves all the attention it's getting, but for me the two best sci-fi films of the season were Dawn of the Planet of the Apes and Snowpiercer. Apes is a smart movie about race, gun usage and xenophobia that doesn't shy away from big ideas, while Snowpiercer is an unapologetically weird environmental thriller about a revolution on a train. For me it's the nerviest actioner to come along in a season crowded with movies that go crash, boom, bang. What grabbed you this summer?

Mark: Richard, I usually cringe at the beginning of the summer expecting nothing but comic book adaptations and sequels. But this summer those kinds of films turned out to be among the best. The three you mentioned were excellent, but I'd also like to add X-Men: Days of Future Past and Captain America: The Winter Soldier, both of which were smart, exciting, and had time travel motifs. Heck, even the latest instalment of Transformers was a major step forward: I didn't run screaming for the exit. But here are two smaller films that I thoroughly enjoyed: Begin Again, about a burned-out music producer trying to reinvent himself in hipster New York, and Chef, the story of a burned-out gourmet cook who is fired and is forced to start over with his own broken-down food truck. Hey, notice a theme here?

RC: Then there was the story of the burned-out comic. Obvious Child came to theatres with a reputation. In its film festival run, it got labelled "the abortion romcom." While that shorthand description is technically accurate, it's also reductive, ignoring the film's well-crafted and hilarious coming-of-age story about accepting responsibility to concentrate on the more sensational aspect of the story. I know you weren't a fan, but I liked it and thought Jenny Slate was terrific in the lead role.

MB: Didn't work for me, but I did like the James Brown biopic Get On Up. The movie lurches around trying to find its groove but Chadwick Bozeman deserves an Oscar nomination for his total immersion in the role. 22 Jump Street was a pleasant surprise. I didn't care for 21, but this one had a sharper, funnier script and more evolved performances from Jonah Hill and Channing Tatum. And I mostly liked Zach Braff's unofficial sequel to Garden State, Wish I Was Here. The kickstarter funded indie had too much going on to succeed but there were some great sequences that a lot of critics seemed to miss.

RC: I started off talking about Guardians, which, deservedly so, has become the biggest hit of the summer. But another movie gave it a run for its money in the entertainment department, but not in the money department. Edge of Tomorrow may sound like the title of a soap opera, but it's actually the name of a Tom Cruise alien invasion flick. In it, Cruise battles nasty space bugs called Mimics but the story is more Groundhog Day than it is War of the Worlds. The first two reels are packed with energy and invention. It's only when the conventions that made the story enticing are put aside in the last reel that the movie becomes a standard Cruise action flick. But it's still a good Cruise action flick and deserved a bigger audience.

MB: I know I'm going to like Boyhood. Haven't seen it yet because I've been too busy raising an actual boy.

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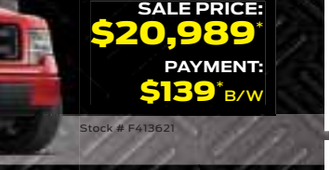

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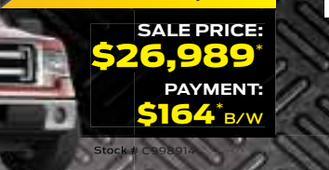

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A throwback to slow-burn crime dramas

The Calling. Toronto filmmaker's feature directorial debut focuses more on character than spectacle

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"My resumé belies some of my appetite for gross-out humour," laughs Jason Stone, the South-African born, Toronto-raised producer of the Seth Rogen hit This Is the End.

But today we're not talking about his edgy work with Rogen, his writing (he co-wrote the satanic comedy Teen Lust, which debuts at the Toronto International Film Festival this year) or his award-winning short films.

"I love using the scope of filmmaking and really getting the wheels turning," he says, "being larger than life and creating a world. I thought The Calling had all of that, elements of mystery and comedy and drama, that I thought were a real draw."

The Calling is his feature directing debut and stars Susan Sarandon as a small-town Canadian cop tracking down a serial killer.

"I still pinch myself that it all came together the way it did," he says.

"There's a saying in casting, 'Who's going to be your cast magnet?' We had a pretty powerful magnet with Susan, and once she was involved we were able to attract talent as diverse as the top line cast, Topher (Grace), Ellen (Burstyn) and Donald (Sutherland)."

The movie is a throwback to, as Stone says, "propulsive thrillers with big ideas executed by brilliant actors." He says movies like Kiss the Girls, Along Came a Spider and Silence of the Lambs, "used to be the bread-and-butter back in the early '90s and if we could even be put in the same breath as any of those, I'd be thrilled.

"Those are some of my favourite movies of that era. There is so much character in them. I feel like the studios have replaced a lot of the character in those mid-range films with spectacle. It takes a lot more money to make your money back so you have to appeal to a much broader audience. I guess that means adding robots."

Not that he's unwilling to make a mega-movie one day.

"I hope to have a long career making the films I'd love to make," he says. "So if the right story comes along and there's a budget behind it, I feel like I'd definitely jump at the chance if there was a story I could connect to and I thought there was some humanity to it. I would like to think I would only make something I feel a personal connection to."

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The Calling director Jason Stone

The Calling, starring Susan Sarandon, opens this weekend in select markets. CONTRIBUTED

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Blade Runner 2. Scott continues push for a followup to his 1982 sci-fi classic

Ridley Scott remains bullish on the prospective followup to his 1982 sci-fi success Blade Runner.

The director has a busy schedule, with a Prometheus sequel to follow this December's epic Exodus: Of Gods and Kings, while The Martian sends Matt Damon into an outer space survival situation with shooting to begin in November.

A Blade Runner sequel remains in the cards, with Scott telling Entertainment Weekly "it's written and it's damn good."

"Of course it involves Harrison (Ford), who is a survivor after all these years, despite the accident," he joked, in reference to Ford's recent leg injury on the set of Star Wars VII.

"So yes, that will happen."

Also on the team would be Hampton Fancher, who worked with Scott in turning Philip K. Dick's novel Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? into Blade Runner in the first place.

But before that: The Martian. With a November 2015 release date already set, Scott said he was looking to Hungarian capital Budapest for one location, as well as Jordanian valley Wadi Rum, a 720-square-kilometre rocky desert wilderness already known as The Valley of the Moon.

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Director Ridley Scott. Scott said he plans to include Harrison Ford's Rick Deckard character in any Blade Runner sequel.

British director Ridley Scott BEN STANSALL/AFP

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Mystery/Suspense

As Above, So Below

Director. John Erick Dowdle

Stars. Perdita Weeks, Ben Feldman

Miles of twisting catacombs lie beneath the streets of Paris, the eternal home to countless souls. When a team of explorers ventures into the uncharted maze of bones, they uncover the secret of what this city of the dead was meant to contain. A journey into madness and terror, As Above, So Below reaches deep into the human psyche to reveal the personal demons that come back to haunt us all.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: No score yet **Audience:** + 87%

Comedy

Swearnet

Director. Warren P. Sonoda

Stars. Robb Wells, John Paul Tremblay, Mike Smith, Patrick Roach

Fed up with being censored in their post-Trailer Park Boys lives, the out-of-work stars and world-renowned 'swearists' Mike Smith, Robb Wells and John Paul Tremblay decide to start their own uncensored network on the internet.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: No score yet **Audience:** + 90%

Drama/Action

Sin City: A Dame to Kill For

Director. Frank Miller, Robert Rodriguez

Stars. Josh Brolin, Mickey Rourke, Jessica Alba

Co-directors Robert Rodriguez and Frank Miller reunite to bring Miller's visually stunning Sin City graphic novels back to the screen in Sin City: A Dame To Kill For. Weaving together two of Miller's classic stories with new tales, the town's most hard-boiled citizens cross paths with some of its more notorious inhabitants.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 45% **Audience:** 65%

Drama/Comedy

The Trip to Italy

Director. Michael Winterbottom

Stars. Steve Coogan, Rob Brydon

Michael Winterbottom's largely improvised 2010 film, The Trip, took comedians Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon — or semi-fictionalized versions thereof — on a restaurant tour around northern England. In this followup, Winterbottom reunites the pair for a new culinary road trip, retracing the steps of the Romantic poets' grand tour of Italy and indulging in some sparkling banter.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 86% **Audience:** + 76%

Drama

When the Game Stands Tall

Director. Thomas Carter

Stars. Jim Caviezel, Michael Chiklis

Inspired by a true story, When The Game Stands Tall tells the remarkable journey of legendary football coach Bob Ladouceur (Jim Caviezel), who took the De La Salle High School Spartans from obscurity to a 151-game winning streak that shattered all records for any American sport.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score
Critics: 18% **Audience:** 77%

Mystery & Suspense

The November Man

Director. Roger Donaldson

Stars. Pierce Brosnan, Luke Bracey, Olga Kurylenko

Code-named The November Man, Peter Devereaux (Pierce Brosnan) is a lethal and highly trained ex-CIA agent, who has been enjoying a quiet life in Switzerland. When Devereaux is lured out of retirement for one last mission, he must protect a valuable witness, Alice Fournier, (Olga Kurylenko). He soon uncovers this assignment marks him a target of his former friend and CIA protégé.

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The 'Holy Grail' of Canadian cinema

The Captive. Ryan Reynolds jumped at chance to work with Canada's Atom Egoyan — for acting and directing reasons

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The Captive opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Ryan Reynolds agreed to play the lead role in Atom Egoyan's The Captive before he even knew what the part was.

"He could've had me playing pretty much anything," said the actor about the Canadian filmmaker whose oeuvre includes the Oscar-nominated hit The Sweet Hereafter. "He's kind of the Holy Grail of Canadian cinema and to get the opportunity to work with him, you're kind of chomping at the bit."

Surprisingly, the Vancouver-born star had not only never worked with Egoyan — he'd only met him once before. But he got up close with the director as he played the father of a missing girl.

"Atom deals with such darkness, but he packages it in such a way that it's comfortable (to watch)," explained Reynolds.

He also notes that as palatable as Egoyan's films are to viewers, it's much more challenging on the other side of the lens.

"At the end of the day, when you're lying in your bed — in some motel room in this case — you're basically just spent. When you spend the day doing 10 or 12 takes of you uncontrollably sobbing, that doesn't feel good."

Seeing Canada

- **On filming in Sudbury in the winter.** "One of the great side effects of my job is that I get to live in cities that I would never otherwise really see," said Reynolds. "It was just mind-numbingly cold."

Although he only spent two weeks filming heavy scenes for The Captive (he was shooting another film simultaneously) Reynolds appreciated the opportunity to study Egoyan at work. After all, the actor admits he has his eye on directing.

Cautious about discussing any detailed plans, he admits directing would require stepping out from the spotlight.

"I understand why actors that direct are in their own movies because they kind of scratch two itches with one hand. But if I were to direct something, I wouldn't necessarily want to be in it. I'd want to be as objective as I possibly can."

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Atom Egoyan. Filmmaker found inspiration in true child abduction cases

Atom Egoyan
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Writing the screenplay for his new film was a tough experience for Atom Egoyan.

The Captive, starring Ryan Reynolds, is a fictional story about child abduction in the Niagara region but it has roots in reality.

Missing child posters in Egoyan's hometown of Victoria, B.C., haunted his dreams, giving him a heightened awareness of "this person who created this huge hole in another group of people's lives."

Those images, coupled with news of a pedophile ring in Cornwall, Ont., inspired the hard-hitting story of the mysterious disappearance of Cass (Alexia Fast), taken from the backseat of her father's (Ryan Reynolds) truck as he picked up food at a diner.

Held hostage by a pedophile (Kevin Durand), the girl is locked in a hidden apartment where she plays piano and watches streaming video of her mother (Mireille Enos) at work as a hotel maid.

"When the results of (the Cornwall case investigation) were announced, I just found it so troubling," he says. "I started writing this script in 2009 and put it aside for a while because it just felt too dark and then I began to think about it as three couples: a couple who are trying to understand what happened to their daughter; one couple who we aren't sure should be together — the detectives (Scott Speedman and Rosario Dawson) who form a relationship over the course of the case; and then this other couple who you know should not be together — the pedophile who steals a child and holds her captive for eight years.

"When I began to see these three couples and examine the relationships, it began to find a form."

The next hurdle was finding a star. The Oscar-nominated director, known for highbrow films like The Sweet Hereafter and Exotica, found his leading man Reynolds at the movies.

"If I was to be honest," he says, "I'd say the reason I was inspired to work with him was Safe House. There were elements in that film that were exciting to me."

Reynolds says he's always wanted to work with Egoyan, saying, "growing up as a Canadian kid who loved movies, you've got to understand that Atom Egoyan was a kind of Holy Grail to me."

"That's very sweet," Egoyan says. "God, I'm not that much older than him. But I guess I am. I don't think he saw Next of Kin and Family Viewing or Speaking Parts. He must be talking about starting with Exotica. I found that touching, but I found his commitment and his desire to be in the film is what really brought the whole film together."

RICHARD CROUSE/METRO

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Magic meets the American dream

Houdini. Adrien Brody plays the escape artist in a miniseries that celebrates his magic and his life as a poor Hungarian immigrant

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Adrien Brody stars in the two-part miniseries Houdini, which airs Sept. 1 and 2 on History Canada. CONTRIBUTED

Harry Houdini may be one of the more quintessentially American heroes.

He was a Hungarian immigrant who invented a new kind of a career for himself in America on his way to fame and fortune — the term "escape artist" didn't exist until he created it.

It's this triumph over odds that drew Oscar-winner Adrien Brody to take on the role in the History Channel miniseries biopic Houdini.

Of course, it helped that Brody had a childhood fascination with the man.

"I had aspirations to be a magician as a boy, and was in awe of magic and Houdini," admits Brody.

As an adult, his appreciation of the man is a little more nuanced.

Brody points out that Houdini represents a lot to people in terms of "escaping the confines of poverty and the social constraints of being an immigrant and overcoming anti-Semitism and becoming this heroic, all-American celebrity."

But as a kid, and for a lot of kids during Houdini's heyday, the artist was simply a very brave man, proving "you could defy the laws of nature," as Brody puts it.

That said, Houdini's drive and ambition, which are on full display in the miniseries, may seem obsessive to an adult viewer.

Asked whether there is any parallel between his own drive as an actor and Houdini's endless quest to create bigger and better illusions, Brody says, "I share the drive to a certain extent, but not to impress others."

Brody says he thinks Houdini was constantly searching for validation in his work, but in his own life, he's been very fortunate to get that validation at a young age. (Winning an Oscar at 29 will do that for you.)

Brody says he admires Houdini's tenacity in pursuit of his goals, but says it might not be the most admirable quality.

"Being able to triumph over adversity and fickle years, and to be ingenious in discovering new ways of overcoming those obstacles, that's really admirable."

While preparing for the role, Brody did his best to learn as much as he could about Houdini.

He consulted with magicians David Copperfield and David Blaine to get their input, and even studied Copperfield's collection of writings and memorabilia about Houdini.

He was already partway on the path to being Houdini. "I had a lock-pick set as a kid. I know how to breach a lot of devices and articulate locks."

But one of Houdini's skills eluded him. The man could apparently manipulate locks with his toes, something Brody attempted but was unable to do successfully.

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Sopranos

Tony Soprano didn't die in final episode, show's creator reveals

Famed mob boss Tony Soprano did not die at the end of the iconic TV show's last season, its creator revealed Wednesday.

The infamous final scene, which fades to black on Soprano eating with his wife and son in a New Jersey diner, triggered a storm when it ran in 2007.

Some initially thought their televisions had gone wrong. Critics said it wasn't fair to leave viewers in the lurch after six seasons, after preceding scenes showed mysterious characters milling around, and Soprano's daughter rushing to join him in the diner.

What really happened remained a mystery, until now. Series creator David Chase finally revealed a key fact in an interview with Vox.com. Asked repeatedly what happened to Soprano, Chase at first became furious, asking "Why are we talking about this?"

But he then finally gave a straight answer to the question of whether Tony Soprano was dead.

"No," he said simply, according to Vox. "No, he isn't." The revelation leaves open the possibility that the series could be revived on screen. This seems highly unlikely, not least because James Gandolfini, the actor who played Soprano, died in June last year, at the age of 51. AFP

James Gandolfini GETTY IMAGES

New series

Zach Galifianakis AFP FILE

Louis C.K., Krisel and Zach clown around on FX

FX has ordered the first season of Baskets, a new series created by Louis C.K., Jonathan Krisel and Zach Galifianakis. The star of the The Hangover franchise will also headline the comedy.

The show follows Chip Baskets, a man who dreams of becoming a respected clown. After an unsuccessful stint at a prestigious Parisian clown school, he ends up working at the local rodeo. Portlandia creator Jonathan Krisel penned the pilot. Baskets will enter production early next year and premiere in 2016. AFP

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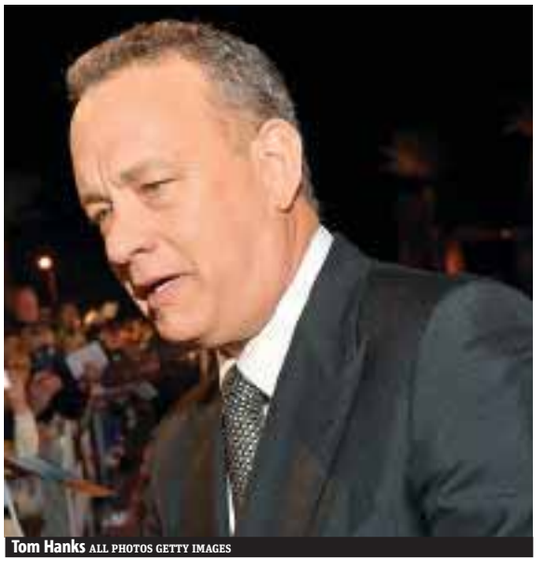

Tom Hanks ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Hanks, Wilson mortified by 'out-of-control' son and his rude rapping rants

Well, this is embarrassing. Tom Hanks and wife Rita Wilson are reportedly mortified over the online antics of their 24-year-old son, Chester, and his rapper persona Chet Haze, according to Radar Online.

"Chet's out of control on the Internet, and it's a huge embarrassment to Tom and Rita," a source says. "He talks tough street talk and raps about skipping classes to smoke pot. But behind his back people are laughing because they know he was raised in Brentwood with mega-wealthy parents."

Chet, who reportedly doesn't have a steady job and still lives at home, recently posted an inflammatory video in which he berates women for getting "naked on Instagram" and "f—ing around," before blurting out, "I'm already drunk."

Courteney Cox and Johnny McDaid

Cox wants a second kid, but without all the work

Courteney Cox is apparently cool with being a mom again, but with a few conditions. The Cougar Town star and her fiancé, Snow Patrol guitarist Johnny McDaid, are reportedly on the search for a surrogate mother to carry a child for them, according to Star magazine. "They're already looking for someone who can do it," a source says. "At first he didn't want kids, but Johnny has spent so much time with (Cox's 10-year-old daughter) Coco that he's realized a massive part of him wants a child of his own." Not to put too fine a point on it, but the source also says that both Cox and McDaid "are obsessed with the idea."

The Word

Brad and Angie wed at last, with entire clan playing a role

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Well, everybody, it finally happened.

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie went and got themselves hitched — according to noted scandal sheet the Associated Press — and they did it at their chateau in the South of France.

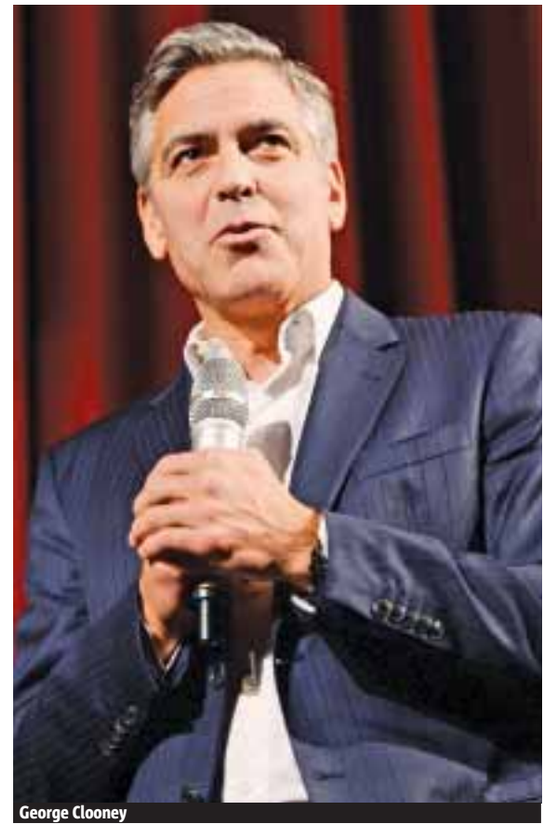
Kudos to whichever tabloid reported at some point over the past nine years that they'd be getting married in France.

Of course, there have been reports that they'd be getting married pretty much everywhere on Earth (and possibly in space) so someone had to be right at some point.

According to the Associated Press, Pitt and Jolie put a lot of work into making sure all of the Jolie-Pitt clan could take part.

Elder sons Maddox and Pax walked Jolie down the aisle, Zahara and Vivienne served as flower girls, and Shiloh and Knox were ringbearers.

Local orphans looking to get in on the action showed up and tried to usher, hoping to land a more permanent position in the family, but were sadly turned away.



George Clooney

Clooney wedding mired in a pre-nup standoff and fears of Jolie-Aniston clash

In less joyful matrimony news, Pitt pal George Clooney is reportedly having a heck of a tough time planning his own wedding with fiancée Amal Alamuddin.

Among the chief sticking points, according to the National Enquirer? Worries over the guest list, a standoff on the prenup and their wedding planner just up and quitting.

About that guest list: Apparently the unholy trinity of Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie and Jennifer Aniston is causing headaches once again.

Pitt was planning to attend solo, and Aniston has reportedly said she's coming, but now so is Jolie. "At first she was on the fence about going," a source says of Jolie. "But she quickly changed her mind after George told her that President Obama RSVPd yes.

"George is extremely concerned that by inviting both these women, they'll undoubtedly try to upstage each other and, in doing so, take the spotlight off the bride."

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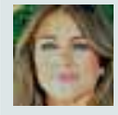

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When it comes to grilling, meat is a no-brainer.

But I'm challenging you to think outside the box and throw a few vegetables on the barbecue, too.

Start small with a simple salad and then, start experimenting with others.

Dressing

1. On a work surface, chop the garlic with the pepper flakes. In a bowl, combine all the ingredients with a whisk. Season with salt and pepper.

Salad

1. Preheat the grill, setting the burners to high. Oil the grate.

2. Place the vegetables, except for the tomatoes, on a large baking sheet and brush with the oil. Season with salt and pepper. Grill the mushrooms in a grill wok or threaded on wooden skewers. Grill the vegetables until tender. Cut the cooked zucchini into thick slices. Place the grilled vegetables and tomatoes in a large serving platter and drizzle with the dressing.

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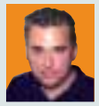
Ingredients

Dressing
- 1 small clove garlic, finely chopped
- 1 pinch crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 tsp (5 ml) Dijon mustard
- 1 tsp (5 ml) sugar
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) white wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) olive oil
- Sea salt
- Pepper

Salad
- 1 lb (454 g) small asparagus, trimmed
- 2 zucchini, cut in half lengthwise
- 2 bell peppers, cut into wedges
- 4 whole green onions
- 8 oz (227 g) white mushrooms, halved
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 2 cups (500 ml) cherry tomatoes, halved

Liquid Assets

Big-boned Napa love



LIQUID ASSETS
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California winemakers were shaken early this week when a magnitude-6.0 earthquake rocked the state's premier vineyards in the Napa Valley.

While there was thankfully no loss of life, tweeted images of destroyed bottles and barrels had wine lovers reaching for Kleenex while vineyard employees scrambled for cheesecloth.

Though no time is a good time for a natural disaster, this hit to the Cali wine industry arrives as the popularity of Golden State juice is on the upswing. The last thing winemakers needed was an event that might put a cork in that momentum.

Long considered the Bordeaux of the New World, Napa's famous for its big-boned wines made with cabernet sauvignon and chardonnay. Louis M. Martini is one of the region's oldest producers. Owned by E. & J. Gallo, its wines are a Napa benchmark.

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The iTunes Festival

iTunes Festival is a highlight of the musical year -- and Metro wants to take you there. If going to jolly old London to party the way music superstars like Beck, Pharrell, Elbow and Lenny Kravitz do - sounds like a dream, Metro wants to make that dream come true.

Thirty days of wicked fun kickoff on Sept. 1, with more than 60 artists playing live at the renowned Roundhouse in London. The Roundhouse opened in 1846 with very different beginnings as a steam engine repair centre. Over the years, it took different paths; eventually becoming what is now a legendary performance hall hosting the likes of Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin and Jimi Hendrix.

Since the iTunes Festival launched in 2007, it has carried on the tradition of stellar performances, bringing in mega stars like Adele, Katy Perry, Elton John, Coldplay and the Foo Fighters. Aside from the artists already mentioned, this year's lineup runs the gamut from BECK to David Gray, Maroon 5 to Pharrell Willams - something for all musical passions.

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Watch performances in real-time with the rest of the world by streaming them in HD every day in September at 4 p.m. ET/1 p.m. PT. You can watch on your computer, through iTunes on your iPhone, iPad or iPod touch or watch on the big screen through Apple TV. For a limited time after the gig, performances will be available on iTunes on-demand.
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SEPT 7 | CALVIN HARRIS [OPENER: Kiesza]

SEPT 8 | ROBERT PLANT [OPENER: Luke Sital-Singh]

SEPT 9 | SAM SMITH [OPENER: SOHN]

SEPT 10 | PHARRELL WILLIAMS [OPENER: Jungle]

SEPT 11 | MAROON 5 [OPENER: Matthew Koma]

SEPT 12 | ELBOW

SEPT 13 | PAOLO NUTINI

SEPT 14 | DAVID GRAY

SEPT 15 | THE SCRIPT [OPENER: Foxes]

SEPT 16 | BLONDIE + CHRISSIE HYNDE

SEPT 17 | GREGORY PORTER [OPENER: Eric Whitacre]

SEPT 18 | JESSIE WARE

SEPT 19 | TBA

SEPT 20 | RUDIMENTAL [OPENER: Jess Glynne]

SEPT 21 | RYAN ADAMS [OPENER: First Aid Kit]

SEPT 22 | JESSIE J [OPENER: James Bay]

SEPT 23 | PLACEBO

SEPT 24 | BEN HOWARD [OPENER: Hozier]

SEPT 25 | MARY J. BLIGE

SEPT 26 | LENNY KRAVITZ [OPENER: Wolf Alice]

SEPT 27 | KYLIE [OPENER: MNEK]

SEPT 28 | NICOLA BENEDETTI [OPENER: Miloš + Alison Balsom]

SEPT 29 | ED SHEERAN [OPENER: Foy Vance]

SEPT 30 | TBA

The Lineup

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Once known primarily through his '90s anti-anthem, *Loser*, Beck Hansen has evolved from scruffy sonic collagist to funk-and-soul revivalist to one of popular music's most esteemed and vital singer/songwriters. After a six-year break between solo releases, this year marked the arrival of one of his finest moments, Morning Phase. The glittering, expertly crafted folk opus is—as Beck has been from the very beginning—singularly hypnotic.

A visionary R&B/pop/soul renaissance man and studio innovator, Pharrell Williams lent his magic touch and sugared falsetto to two of last year's defining singles—Robin Thicke's *Blurred Lines* and Daft Punk's retro-futurist delight *Get Lucky.* But in 2014, Williams' titanic G I R L further established him as a disarming solo artist, offering the insanely catchy, Oscar®-nominated neo-soul centerpiece, *Happy*.

Led by Debbie Harry's insouciant wail, Blondie bridged the gap between the artfully trashy punk and new wave of mid-'70s New York and mainstream disco. They stormed charts on both sides of the Atlantic with an eclectic array of songs, including the shoutalong chorus of *Call Me*, the seductive coo (and visionary rap) of *Rapture*, and the reggae lilt of *The Tide Is High*.

As the voice of the Pretenders, Chrissie Hynde has been a colossal presence in rock 'n' roll since the early '80s. Hynde's intelligent songcraft brought the nervy angles of new wave and raw aggression of punk into the pop mainstream with elegant melodies that, decades later, are still hallmarks of her work.

Guitar hero, wild child, pop idol - Lenny Kravitz became one of the most distinctive personalities in music through his radiant fusion of psychedelic rock, funk, and soul. After releasing 1989's brilliant Let Love Rule, singles like *Are you Gonna Go My Way* and *Fly Away* made the singer/songwriter/multi-instrumentalist one of the most popular and critically accalimed musicians of the late '90s. Kravitz's tenth studio album, Strut, continues his reign as a visceral force in rock 'n' roll.

Through a series of vivid transformations—coquettish starlet, electro-dance diva, pop provocateur—Kylie has become one of pop music's most enduring figures. She scored her breakthrough with a sparkling cover of Little Eva's *The Loco-Motion* in the late '80s. Since then, the Australian-born singer has issued a series of platinum releases, become a stalwart presence on the charts, and picked up ARIAs, BRITs, and GRAMMY®s.

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CFL

Weston Dressler returns to Roughriders

The Saskatchewan Roughriders had one thing to offer Weston Dressler that no other CFL team could match.

Dressler re-signed with the only CFL club he has played for Thursday after passing his physical. He was back in his usual No. 7 jersey for practice after quarterback Seth Doege made the change to No. 9.

"I'll tell you right now, I couldn't be more excited to be where I'm at, right now today. That's what I'm focused on now is here, help this team win some football games and with the ultimate goal of winning the Grey Cup," Dressler said in Regina. THE CANADIAN PRESS

New venue

Ticats' president optimistic Labour Day game will go as scheduled

Work continues at Tim Hortons Field but Hamilton Tiger-Cats president Scott Mitchell remains optimistic the venue will be ready in time for the club's Labour Day clash with the rival Toronto Argonauts.

Inspectors still haven't cleared the stadium to host the game, which is scheduled to kick off at 1 p.m. ET on Monday. But Mitchell expects an occupancy permit to be issued between Friday and Sunday.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Calgary

Stamps bring back Quincy Butler after suspension

The Calgary Stampeders have brought back veteran defensive back Quincy Butler following the conclusion of his legal problems.

The Stampeders suspended Butler in May when he was charged with two counts of assault stemming from an incident near a Calgary casino earlier that month.

Butler pleaded guilty to one charge of assault causing bodily harm in Calgary court last week and was sentenced to 18 months probation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bombers' chances not getting easier

Facing off with Roughriders.
Dressler's return to Saskatchewan not helping Winnipeg

Tyron Brackenridge of the Saskatchewan Roughriders goes airborne as he tries to stop Robert Marve of the Bombers. MARIANNE HELM/GETTY IMAGES

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers haven't managed to beat the Saskatchewan Roughriders on the Labour Day weekend in nine years, and the return of receiver Weston Dressler to the Saskatchewan lineup certainly isn't improving their chances this Sunday.

"Him having option routes or whatever it may be, he knows how to get open, he knows how to make plays, he's just a special player in that regard," Bombers defensive back Chris Randle said after practice Thursday.

Dressler returned to Saskatchewan after he was released by the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs. The Roughriders released him in January so he could try again to crack the NFL.

The native of Bismarck, N.D., has spent his entire six-year CFL career with Saskatchewan and has topped 1,000 yards in five of those seasons.

Veteran defensive back Johnny Sears says the Bombers very much want to end their Labour Day weekend losing streak but, more importantly, they're also jockeying for a playoff spot as they return to the CFL West this year.

The Bombers (6-3) and the Roughriders (6-2) can't afford to let up as they try to catch the division-leading Calgary Stampeders and Edmonton Eskimos (both 7-1). And the B.C. Lions (5-4) aren't that far behind.

Most of Winnipeg's six wins have come at the expense of opponents from the East. B.C. is the only western team on the list.

Dressler adds to the passing threat this Sunday but the Bombers also have had special trouble dealing with the running game this season.

The Roughriders put 186 rushing yards on the board in their 23-17 Aug. 7 win and held Winnipeg running back Nic Grigsby, the leading rusher in the league right now, to just seven.
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Week 10 pick

Bombers at Roughriders, Sunday, 3 p.m. (TSN) Saskatchewan boasts the CFL's top rushing attack (143.9 yards per game) while Winnipeg's defence is ranked sixth against the run (113.3 yards). The Riders rushed for over 200 yards in last weekend's 20-16 win over B.C., and establishing the run is important considering the defending Grey Cup champs are ranked second-last in passing (204.1 per game).

Quarterbacks Darian Durant and Tino Sunseri combined for just 190 yards through the air versus the Lions.

Durant suffered a hand injury in last weekend's win, Saskatchewan's league-best fifth straight.
Pick: Saskatchewan

Drew Willy inspired by his mother

The bar was set pretty high for Drew Willy when it came to excelling at sports, but the competitive fire that burns inside the Winnipeg Blue Bombers quarterback didn't come from his male role models.

"My mom is definitely where I get my competitiveness from," Willy, 27, said this week during an interview with The Canadian Press.

"She never lost a game of basketball throughout her high-school career. She's in the Nebraska sports hall of fame for high school for three sports: basketball, track and volleyball."

While his mother, Diane Minihane, supported her children in their sports endeavours, she'd also occasionally rib them about her winning streak.

"Whenever we lost a game in high school, she was quick to point it out — but in a loving way," Willy said with a grin.

He was also a three-sport athlete, competing in football, basketball and baseball in Randolph, N.J. It was football, though, where he stood out, setting Randolph High records for career passing yards and touchdowns.

His accomplishments grew when he went to university, and soon he'll have his own hall-of-fame induction on his sports resumé.
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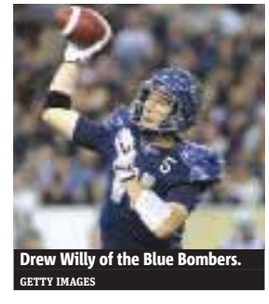
Drew Willy of the Blue Bombers. GETTY IMAGES

4 SPORTS

U.S. Open. Raonic advances to third round, Pospisil battles injury

Canadian tennis star Milos Raonic advanced to the third round at the U.S. Open with a 7-6 (4), 5-7, 6-4, 7-6 (3) win over Germany's Peter Gojowczyk on Thursday.

The fifth seed from Thornhill, Ont., had 28 aces en route to victory over Gojowczyk, who's ranked No. 124 in the world.

Earlier, Wimbledon doubles champions Vasek Pospisil of Vancouver and Jack Sock of the United States both overcame injury to reach the second round with a 6-4, 6-4 defeat of Jarkko Nieminen and Henri Kontinen.

Pospisil had been bothered by a shoulder injury during a singles loss to Simone Bolelli this week while Sock had to quit in his first-round singles with a calf injury and cramping.

Pospisil didn't even know his partner was hurt until after Sock's singles loss.

"I didn't know he had to retire," he said. "I only ran into him after his match and he told me."

Milos Raonic returns a shot against Peter Gojowczyk at the U.S. Open on Thursday in New York. DARRON CUMMINGS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

As for his shoulder, Pospisil said it's improving every day.

"The problem just came at a bad time," he said. "I'm serving OK but not great yet."

Later Thursday, women's seventh seed Eugenie Bouchard was slated to play Romania's Sorana Cirstea. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Whale of a tale lives on

Hartford Whalers. Carolina Hurricanes' predecessors have a lasting legacy in NHL

They played in a rink at a shopping mall, celebrated goals with music that sounded like a 1970s television theme song and have been gone from pro hockey for 17 years. Yet the iconic blue and green of the Hartford Whalers is as popular and visible as ever.

"I think the people that grew up with the Whalers will never, ever forget them, and they'll always have an attachment to them," former general manager Jim Rutherford said.

With the recent retirement of goaltender Jean-Sebastien Giguere, there are no more former Whalers playing in the NHL (Chris Pronger is still on an active roster despite career-ending injuries, and Craig Adams of the Pittsburgh Penguins was one of Hartford's final draft picks but never suited up for them).

In 1997, the Hartford Whalers relocated and became the Carolina Hurricanes. To this day, Whalers logos are prominent. GETTY IMAGES FILE

"I would've never thought that, yeah, he was the last Whaler in the league," said Sean Burke, who played five seasons in Hartford, including part of one with Giguere. "It's another end to the Hartford Whalers story in another way, but in some ways it just keeps the story alive."

Most of the Whalers' story now is nostalgia: Fans, many of whom weren't alive for the team's only Norris Division title in 1987 and never saw a game at Hartford Civic Center, proudly sporting the "HW" logo with the water spout or listening to Brass Bonanza.

The Whalers maintain a loyal following that longtime broadcaster Chuck Kaiton attributes to the creative logo, players like Ron Francis and even Gordie Howe at the end of his career and the team's role as the "ultimate underdog."

"They were always like that little engine that couldn't, that people thought couldn't compete with the big boys," said Kaiton, who has never missed a game in the 35-year history of the Whalers and Carolina Hurricanes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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→ Longtime broadcaster Chuck Kaiton chose Mike Liut as the goaltender for the Whalers' all-time team. Scan the image with the Metro News app to see who rounds out the squad.

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You will get riled up about something today. There is nothing you hate more than injustice and you will go out of your way to expose it.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If you expect great things of yourself then you will accomplish great things. But make sure it is your own expectations you are trying to live up to — not other people's.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If you sit quietly and let your inner voice speak today you will get the answers you have been looking for. Never doubt there is meaning to your existence.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Some people just rub you the wrong way and you will have to deal with at least one such person today. The important thing is to realize you cannot change them — no more than they can change you.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Life will confront you with a series of challenges that would have people running for cover. Amazingly, you'll actually rather enjoy being put to the test.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Those who don't share your way of looking at the world will go out of their way to intimidate you. Insist on having your say. Don't back down.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't expect much of others today because they will be inclined to say one thing while doing something different. There is nothing much you can do about others' actions.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Like it or not you'll have to adapt to what others do. Fortunately, with Mercury moving in your favour there won't be as many misunderstandings as there have been recently.

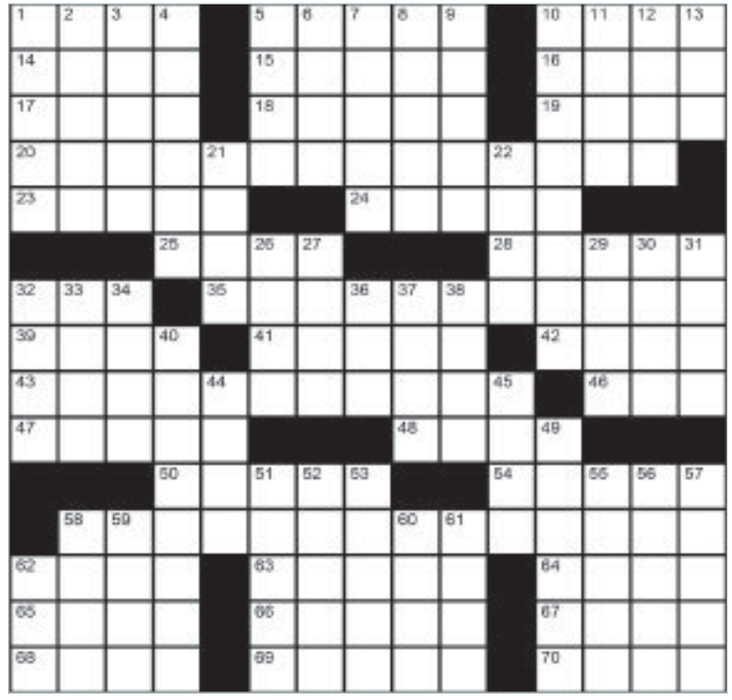
♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Make sure that what you are working on is for your benefit, rather than the benefit of people who know they can look good by being on your side.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The Sun in Virgo will make it easy to excel creatively and romantically. Be on the lookout for new opportunities. A smile could set you on a new journey.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If you try to shift the blame for something you did wrong the results could be embarrassing. Everyone makes mistakes so accept that you are at fault.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Others may say you're not being serious enough about what's going on in the world but you're not obligated to feel guilty about the things that you didn't cause.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan



Across
1. Store
5. Canadian food company
10. Rock: __ pit
14. Duelling weapon
15. Pitchfork guy
16. Helm position
17. Singer Ms. Evans
18. Grenoble-__ Airport, in France
19. At hand
20. Dolly Parton's beverage in "9 to 5": 4 wds.
23. Gentleman, in Galicia
24. "Never __ __" (1959) starring Frank Sinatra
25. French director, Jacques __
28. Actress Jessica
32. A-li'i-__-will-d'ya
35. Labour Day __ __
39. University reason, briefly
41. 1978 disco hit: "Le __"
42. Men Without Hats lead singer Mr. Doroschuk
43. As per #36-Down, The __
46. 7th Greek letter
47. Shish __, variantly
48. Journey
50. __ Peace Prize
54. __ socks
58. Bit of BTO's "Takin' Care of Business": "...look at me, __ __-__ / I love to work at nothing all day."
62. Triad
63. Dribble
64. Math course, briefly
65. "Thank gawd!"
66. Birthplace of Columbus
67. Flooring choice
68. Ray-__ (Sunglasses)
69. Brainy
70. Posh positives

Down
1. Geological flattops
2. Speedily
3. Already-shown show
4. Cucumber sandwiches setting sight
5. '60s song: "Catch __ __ You Can"
6. Launch pad org.
7. Particulars
8. __-loading (Athlete's strategy)
9. "__ __ by land, and two..." - Longfellow
10. Gatineau River town in Quebec
11. Toast topping
12. Actor Mr. Astin
13. She alternative
21. __ history
22. TV's 'T'
26. Particular protein
27. Concerning, on a memo: 2 wds.
29. Ms. Campbell
30. Pesky bug
31. "The Dame __ Experience"
32. Classroom's one-of-some
33. Roll __ __ (Have one's turn in board game playing)
34. Pre-tulip form
36. "__ a Job": 1958 hit for the group at #43-Across
37. Lamp's power measure
38. One who just gets by
40. Celine Dion 'songs'
44. Double-reed woodwind
45. "Kiss from a Rose" singer
49. Cabin panelling: __ pine
51. Skyline parts, briefly
52. Mr. Zimbalist Jr.
53. "Bleeding Love" by __ Lewis
55. Mr. Mister hit
56. Priestess in Georges Bizet opera The Pearl Fishers
57. Boundaries
58. __ S. Rombauer (Joy of Cooking author)
59. Demeanor
60. Berth
61. __ du jour (Restaurant's special)
62. Tavern account

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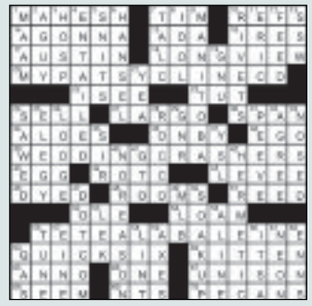

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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9	8			5			1	7
		1	8		6	2		
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		8	7		3	9		
7	2			3			8	9
			6		8			
	1	5				4	3	

Yesterday's Sudoku

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3	2	7	1	9	6	5	8	4
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